



TOWN BRANCH TRAIL

Town Branch Trail, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the revitalization of the Town Branch Creek in Lexington, Kentucky. We propose a trail park that will provide environmental, recreational, and economic benefits to our community.

A trail through Lexington. A trail through history.

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TOWN BRANCH TRAIL MILESTONES 2006

- *TBT raised \$45,000 from the LFUCG council, \$35,000 from private sources in 2006*
- *TBT funded the engineering for the remainder of the first 2-mile section of the trail*
- *TBT is being awarded \$190K in funding from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) for completion of Phases I & II*
- *Construction bids to complete the Phase I & II will go out from LFUCG this month -Trail construction set to begin in the Spring*
- *TBT plans to submit a Phase III Tea-21 application this January.*

set of zoning, planning, and creative urban-infill plan with specific recommendations. There are a total of 15 recommendations that vary from traffic to zoning, infill development to specific civic projects. Two of the 15 recommendations explicitly promote TBT and its objectives. Recommendation #10 proposes creating a green ribbon park along Vine Street as the urban component of the Town Branch Trail. Recommendation #15 goes further to advocate specifically for TBT. The title of #15 reads: "Incorporate and Celebrate the Town Branch Trail as a Historic Asset". Needless to say we are absolutely thrilled to have this strong independent endorsement. TBT congratulates Harold Tate and the DDA for producing a long-needed and well-vetted urban blueprint. It is up to us as a community to see that our local government carries out this ambitious and long-needed plan. Also, the Triangle Foundation deserves great thanks for providing funding for the work.

- *TBT joins Commerce Lexington and takes TBT advocacy on the road*

TBT President Van Meter Pettit joined Commerce Lexington this year and attended the Chamber's trip to Oklahoma City, where participants learned of OKC's great urban improvements (including trails and an urban canal walk). As part of the trip, the Chamber has been conducting an ongoing strategic workshop focused on Lexington's civic needs in preparation for the 2010 World Equestrian Games. Van Meter is serving on the "Physical Development" Committee which is studying what infrastructure Lexington will need in the short and long-term. TBT is patiently advocating for a place on the list of critical urban infrastructural investments. It's too soon to tell what will come of this work, but it has been a great year for building relationships with civic minded Lexingtonians.

- *Town Branch Trail branches out with Kentucky River Alliance and The River Network*

Over the last few months Town Branch Trail has developed a working partnership with the Kentucky Waterways Alliance and the River Network. TBT Vice-President Zina Merkin participated in a workshop this fall led by these state and national water resource organizations. Through this workshop TBT is building partnerships with individuals and environmental organizations around the region focusing on the importance of our urban watershed.

- *Lexington Downtown Masterplan strongly endorses TBT*

The Lexington Downtown Development Authority commissioned the first comprehensive masterplan for Downtown Lexington in 40 years. On behalf of the DDA, Washington firm Ayers/Saint/Gross generated a comprehensive



UK architecture studio creates designs for Town Branch corridor

YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!



HSBC Bank, LFUCG, and TBT plant trees!

On a cold and windy Saturday morning a few weeks back, 40+ volunteers from HSBC Bank and supporters of the Town Branch Trail, gathered along Bracktown Road for a greenway tree-planting. In coöperation with LFUCG's Reforest the Bluegrass, 180 trees were planted under the direction of David Gabbard, LFUCG water quality engineer, and Tim Queary, LFUCG urban forester.

The trees are all central Kentucky natives propagated from local stock by Dr. Julian Campbell's Bluegrass Woodland Restoration Center. The species include blue ash, bur oak, chinquapin oak, as well as rough-leaf dogwood (a native replacement for bush-honeysuckle).

Not only did HSBC Bank provide volunteers, but purchase of the trees was made possible by their generous donation. Keep your spade handy for another Reforest the Bluegrass tree-planting at TBT this spring.

TREE PLANTING PHASE I, OCTOBER 28, 2006

TBT CONTRIBUTIONS 2006 MANY THANKS FOR MANY GIFTS!

Public: TOTAL \$215,000

CMAQ funding \$190K
LFUCG Council: \$25K total

Private: TOTAL \$35,000

FOUNDER SOCIETY
\$10,000 AND ABOVE

Ms. Helen Alexander

PIONEER SOCIETY
\$5,000-9,999

HSBC Bank

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